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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gregory A. Holmes

Appln No: 10/713,569

Examiner: John B. Edel

Filed: November 13, 2003

Group Art Unit: 1731

For: Equipment and Methods for
Manufacturing Cigarettes

Attorney Docket No.: 11867/24

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed April 17, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as below and consider the following remarks.

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.